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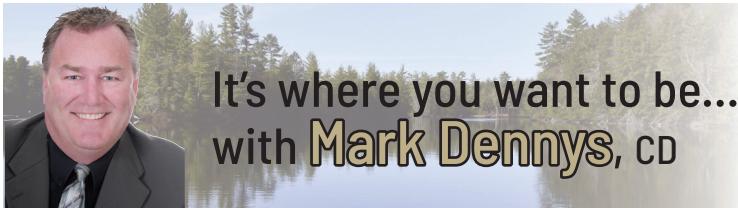
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## Class sizes unlikely to shrink, despite fewer pupils in schools

**SUE TIFFIN**  
*Staff Reporter*

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has "collapsed" some classrooms, combining classrooms – including two different grades – to ensure required class size averages are met to receive government funding.

Cathy Abraham, president of the Ontario Public School Boards' Association,

has been speaking to media about the scenario playing out at public schools across the province.

"We are aware of situations in the province where classes are being collapsed," she told *The Canadian Press*. "If they're being collapsed it is because of a need to fulfill ministry directives and parents should check with their school boards if they have concerns about their own children's class size."

While some local parents were under

the impression that lower student numbers at school, caused by 15 per cent of students across the TLDSB opting to study at home, would result in fewer students in the classroom, Abraham told *The Canadian Press* last week that class sizes would remain the same because of school boards needing to adhere to funding agreements with the Ontario government.

"I understand why people are kind of surprised to be hearing about this," she said. "I get why parents and teachers

alike are anxious about not knowing for sure what's going to happen. It is very challenging and this is what keeps trustees and directors of education and superintendents and principals up at night."

Collapsed and combined classes have become a contentious point of conversation, with NDP education critic Marit Stiles speaking out about the practice. "I feel bad for families who thought

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# Daughter champions 99 y.o. father's fundraiser for COVID-19 research

JENN WATT

Editor

When George Markow turned 99, he and his daughter Sylvia Perkins thought about what he could do to mark the milestone. Perkins had seen the extraordinary impact that Captain Tom Moore had in England, walking loops in his garden and raising money for that country's health-care system.

"And I said, 'well, my dad can do more than that,'" Perkins recalled during an interview with the *Echo* last week. "So I contacted my dad ... and sure enough he says, 'yeah, I could do that. So we chose 100 kilometres because of his 100th birthday [next year] and \$100,000, so that's how 100s played into everything."

Perkins lives at Silver Beach in Haliburton and drives back and forth to visit her father in Newmarket at Roxborough Retirement Residence, which he affectionately refers to as the "Taj Mahal."

To walk 100 km, her father would complete loops in the gardens at Roxborough, using a spreadsheet provided to him to keep track of his progress. Perkins set up a GoFundMe page to coordinate donations.

Markow decided that whatever money was raised would go to COVID-19 research, with 75 per cent to Sunnybrook Research Institute and 25 per cent to the Southlake Regional Hospital Foundation COVID-19 Action Fund.

"I think my dad is very concerned about this invisible enemy that we can't see and that we're trying to fight," said Perkins, explaining why he chose COVID-19 research. "And because it's affected the entire world, not just our little world that we live in. ... And having three great-grandchildren now, he's trying to create a better future for them. He said, none of us have ever experienced anything like this."

Markow's efforts started in April and last week, he successfully met his initial goal, breaking through the ceremonial ribbon in front of friends, family, Roxborough staff and media.

"There was nothing to it," Markow told the *Echo*. "Honestly."

At first, Markow said he was so focused on getting 100 km under his belt that he ended up too far ahead of schedule. Perkins reminded him that it was a fundraiser, and that time was needed to bring in donations before he reached his goal.

"He felt he had to get to 100 as quickly as possible," Perkins said.

Even with his more moderate walking schedule, and a pause when Markow was recovering from a short illness, he still met his goal rather quickly – crossing the finish line on Wednesday, Sept. 2. News of his accomplishment made Canada's major media outlets, including Global TV and the *Toronto Star*, something Markow said he wished his late wife and mother could have seen.

In his 99 years, Markow has had an eventful, and sometimes incredibly hard, life. Much of it has been chronicled in a memoir, *My Not-So-Ordinary Life*, produced by and distributed among family members.

"His life was very difficult the first 30 years, living in a very, very poor country [Russia] and then being conscripted into the Russian Army and then having survived prison camps during the war ... and then he worked very hard when he came to Canada and built his



George Markow, 99, has recently attracted national media attention for his COVID-19 fundraiser. He has walked 100 km around his retirement home gardens seeking to raise \$100,000. His daughter, Sylvia Perkins, is a resident of Haliburton and has been coordinating the fundraiser. / Photo courtesy of Sylvia Perkins

life," his daughter said.

Markow and his wife came to Canada in 1948, settling in Burlington to start their family.

"He ended up doing any jobs that they could find when they first came as landed immigrants: picking tobacco, painting the smokestacks at Dofasco, ... washing dishes at a restaurant, painting lines on the highways," she said. He was hired by the Ford Motor Company of Canada and worked for more than 30 years there on the assembly line, before retiring at age 65.

This fundraiser is the first time Markow or Perkins has ever done something of this size.

"This was the first for both of us to ever take on something of this magnitude and we never dreamed that it would come to something this large," Perkins said.

Donations through GoFundMe were at more than \$57,000 as of press time, and Markow was approached by the Galt Family Foundation, which has committed to match all donations up to \$100,000, meaning the fundraiser has already hit its \$100,000 goal, but could reach as high as \$200,000.

So Markow intends to continue walking the paths outside Roxborough as long as the weather is warm, prob-



Four generations of family, clockwise from top: Adrienne Gifford (Sylvia Perkins's daughter), Sylvia Perkins (George Markow's daughter), Oliver Gifford (Perkins's grandson), Nora Gifford (Perkins's granddaughter), and George Markow. /Photo courtesy of Sylvia Perkins

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— Sylvia Perkins

ably through September and October this fall, and beginning again in the spring until he is 100.

And what will he do for his 100th?

"He wants to go skydiving," Perkins said. "Yeah, we'll try to talk him out of that one ... You never know. Watch for him for his 100th, you might see this old guy flying through the air."

You can donate to Markow's fundraiser by going to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/99-yr-old-walking-100-km-for-medical-research>.

## Online resources help Fleming students prepare for different kind of fall semester

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, students attending Fleming College will be back in class, though the fall 2020 semester will look much different than previous years.

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Classes are to take place online or be delivered through alternate formats as a safety precaution due to the coronavirus pandemic. On Aug. 28, the college released information about its launch plan, which included workshops and virtual orientation events for new and returning students.

"We want to ensure students feel completely supported throughout their studies at Fleming College by providing them with the resources and services they need to be successful and most importantly, safe," Maureen Adamson, president of Fleming College, said.

Workshops offered online included topics such as skills and strategies; technology; academic supports; diversity and inclusion; and student life, and were offered in the week preceding classes.

This week, which is traditionally orientation week, the college will make staff from its service areas available for students to virtually access financial aid, health services, career services, counselling, and many others. An "ask

me anything" online meeting room will also be available for two weeks so students can ask questions and receive answers.

The provincial government conducted consultations over the summer with the postsecondary sector discussing digital learning, international students, micro-credentials, research and commercialization and financial sustainability, according to the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

COVID-19 testing has been made available for students in quarantine due to travel outside of Canada and quarantine and outbreak management plans have been put in place.

The province also allowed OSAP loan borrowers to defer their payments and interest accrual temporarily to lessen the financial burden on students.

Staff

# Class size averages lower than before COVID: TLDSB

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maybe if they kept their kids home that would make it easier for others to have smaller class sizes because that has never been part of the plan," she said.

Premier Doug Ford said last week that boards could be collapsing classes, but that he was not aware of it happening.

TLDSB spokesperson Sinead Fegan said classrooms have been consolidated to be within the required class size averages. "Yes, classes have been consolidated to be within the required averages," Fegan told the *Echo*. "Government funding to school boards is based on schools being staffed to the required averages, which are junior kindergarten and senior kindergarten, 26, primary 20, junior/intermediate, 24.4. There are also provisions within the regulations, which permit exceeding these numbers in 10 per cent of classes across the board." She added: "This is happening because some parents have selected to register their students for at home learning, so classes are based off of enrolment numbers of students who have identified that they are returning to school. We are unable to have classes run that do not fit within the guidelines, as we are not funded by the Ministry of Education for small classes."

Split grade classes, in which typically two grades combine with one teacher, are not uncommon. Last year at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, outside of junior/senior kindergarten classes, there were five split grade classrooms. This year, there are nine, according to a post on ASES social media: a K/1 class, a 1/2 class, a 2/3 class, a 4/5 class, two 5/6 classes, a 6/7 class and two 7/8 classes.

"In some cases split grade classes exist," said Fegan. "Many split grade classes existed prior to COVID-19, so this is a typical practice to blend grades to comply with class size requirements."

She added: "It is likely that some class-

rooms in our schools are empty, and in some classes split grade classes do exist."

Fegan said as of Sept. 4, TLDSB did not currently have the number for class sizes – lowest number of students in a class or highest number – "as it is changing on a daily basis, as some families change their learning choice." She noted however that TLDSB is adhering to their collective agreements and the class size guidelines as provided by the Ministry of Education.

"Our in-school class size averages are actually lower than before COVID," she said.

In regards to parent expectations that classrooms should have 15 per cent fewer students as a result of 15 per cent of TLDSB students not attending class in person, she said: "This is incorrect. While schools may have an overall reduction in students attending class, reorganization keeps the board in compliance with the class size averages set out in the regulations."

According to TLDSB, local teachers have not lost jobs, another concern of local parents.

"No teachers have lost jobs, and in fact, multiple additional positions have been posted across the system," said Fegan. "The first priority to move staff to the Learn @ Home [virtual] school was to ensure staff with medical accommodations were able to work in this environment. Following the placement of accommodated staff, we followed our process for dealing with staff surplus to a building, which is first to ask for volunteers to work in the Learn @ Home school, and then to transfer staff with the lowest seniority in the school."

Staggered starts will take place at elementary schools across the county this week, with high school students returning next week. Students enrolled in virtual school are expected to hear more details about a start that has previously been announced as being Sept. 18.



## Collision closes 118

OPP investigate a collision on Highway 118 a few hundred metres west of Kennaway Road near Haliburton on Friday afternoon, Sept. 4. The road was closed for several hours. Long weekend traffic contributed to delays. The *Echo* reached out to the OPP for details on the collision, but had not received a response as of Saturday, Sept. 5. Updates will be posted online and in next week's paper./DARREN LUM Staff



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# School trustees work to maintain safe practice as schools reopen

**SUE TIFFIN**

Staff Reporter

Bruce Reain, Trillium Lakelands District School Board board chairperson, said school trustees knew back in March, as soon as physical distancing was recommended and school closures were announced, that they were in for a different kind of year.

"This year has inevitably been more stressful than last year for everyone, trustees included," said Reain. "We have been listening to constituents' concerns and fielding more questions regarding issues around the pandemic. Our role became busier at the onset of the pandemic and hasn't changed from the time we were hearing, along with all Ontarians, from the medical officers of health and health experts that we were in for some unprecedented times because of the COVID-19 virus."

The school board trustees have experience as long-time public school educators, municipal councillors, parent council members and involved community members, and many have had children graduate through TLDSB schools or have grandchildren who are attending school. School trustees are locally-elected representatives who act as community advocates for public education.

"There has never been a period in modern history when we, as parents, educators, or now in the role of trustee, have ever faced such an unparalleled time," said Reain. "This is a first for everyone and has presented many challenges for us as a society, not just a school board."

At school board meetings, trustees have questioned how seating arrangements

are being made, what measures would be in place to keep high school attendants attentive as they focus on one course, drop-off and parking space considerations if families opt out of busing, how possible changes to ventilation and filtration systems are being planned for, and have insisted on making decisions that support families who might be struggling financially.

The concerns and questions are similar over our catchment area and, from what I have heard from other school board chairs and the director, the big question is the same throughout the province," said Reain. "Parents and staff are concerned about whether we can maintain safe practice within our schools in the face of the pandemic."

At an Aug. 25 board meeting, TLDSB board trustees passed a motion for students in kindergarten through Grade 3 to wear masks in class and on the bus, extending provincial requirements announced earlier that month by the Ministry of Education that made it mandatory for students in Grade 4 to 12 to wear masks upon returning to schools in Ontario during the pandemic. During the discussion of that motion they noted they had received numerous calls from staff and parents expressing their concern that mask use in lower grades would only be encouraged rather than mandated. The decision was one that was contentious for some parents, appreciated by others.

"With every decision made there will be some who agree and some who disagree," said Reain. "The decision for younger students to wear face coverings is no different. Throughout the board we heard more feedback from parents and staff before the decision was made requesting us to man-

date masks for younger students than we had to the contrary."

Reain notes that everyone is adapting to major changes within their lives due to the pandemic.

"Our director and senior administration have been working tirelessly, along with our principals, to develop a plan for the safe transition back to school including making regular changes to follow constant and continual directives being received on a daily/weekly basis from the Ministry of Education/provincial government," he said. "Trustees have been kept informed, however, the operational transactions within a school board is the responsibility of the director and his team; trustees oversee the policies of the board. Many times, school boards and directors are hearing what the government is planning at the same time the public hears – when Premier Ford and/or Minister Lecce holds a news conference and/or issues a media release with directives and plans affecting return to school protocols."

Ahead of the first week back to school for elementary students, Reain was cautiously optimistic.

"Like everyone in the province, we are hoping for a safe return to school in September during this unprecedented and challenging time," he said. "We have put in place safe protocols recommended by our local medical officers of health for students, teachers and staff to follow. Parents and staff have been issued 'Return to School' guidelines and staff have had three full days of professional development regarding return to school protocols developed by the Ministry of Education and medical health experts. We have to feel optimistic however, like everyone, when dealing with a new situation that we have never faced, there is always an element of uncertainty."

The next meeting of the TLDSB board is planned for Sept. 8. Meetings are broadcast via audio online as they happen and can be accessed at [www.tldsb.ca/board/board-meetings/](http://www.tldsb.ca/board/board-meetings/).

## SIU confirms name of man shot by OPP

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Staff Reporter

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On Aug. 27, the SIU confirmed Hegedus's identity.

"The SIU had submitted a DNA sample to the Centre of Forensic Sciences (CFS) to establish a possible next-of-kin for Mr. Hegedus, and the results were received this week," reads a release. "The SIU's investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Hegedus is ongoing. So far, five civilian witnesses and four witness officers were interviewed. Another officer was designated as a witness officer, but investigators only requested the notes. Both officers who were designated as subject officers consented to interviews and submitted their notes. A post-mortem was conducted on July 17 and the SIU is in possession of those results."

"Outside the residence, there was an interaction with the man and two officers discharged their firearms," read a press release from the SIU. "The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at

"A firearm that was collected at the scene as well as the firearms of the two subject officers were sent to the CFS for analysis, and investigators are awaiting those results."

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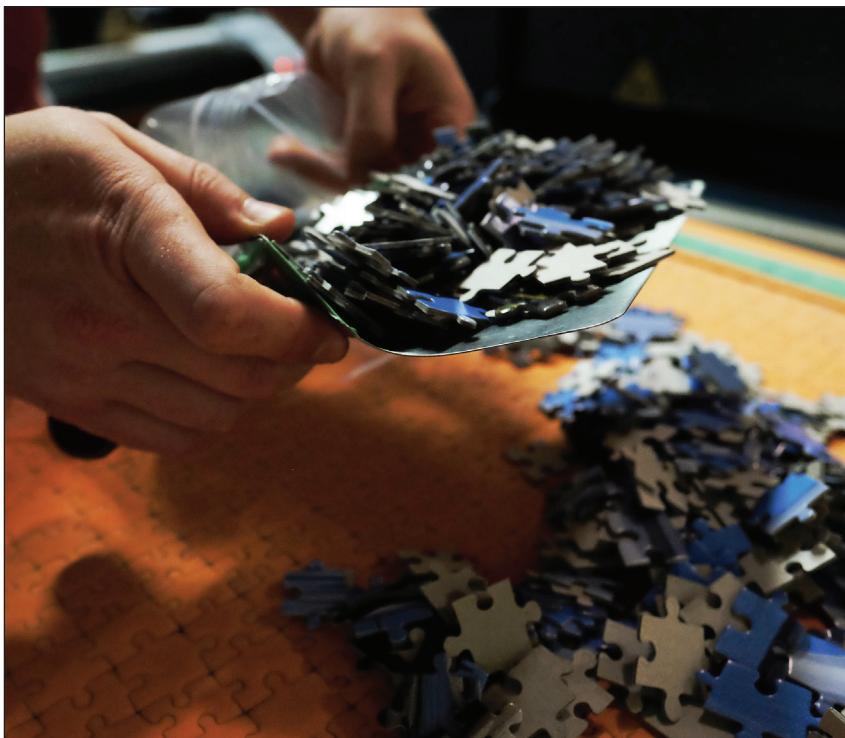
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Michael Bainbridge takes pieces to the 504-piece puzzle featuring Wendy Wood's original painting *Heaven on the Hangdog Channel* to package during the puzzle's release event on Friday, Aug. 21 at TheOccurrence's Puzzle Factory in Haliburton. The event was attended by Wood, who autographed the puzzle boxes for customers. The puzzle was the Haliburton puzzle company's first in a Canadian artist series./DARREN LUM Staff

## Puzzle sales exceed expectations

DARREN LUM  
Staff Reporter

No one ever imagined the sell-out success in such a short period of time. A crowd of enthusiastic buyers came to the Haliburton puzzle factory on Friday, Aug. 21, ready to buy TheOccurrence's most recent puzzle, *Heaven on the Hangdog Channel*, featuring the painting by Minden painter Wendy Wood.

Sixty puzzles were cut and boxed for sale at the launch, which sold within a few hours, TheOccurrence co-founder Brigitte Gall said.

"At one point, as fast as we were cutting puzzles, that was as fast as people were buying them. We were at capacity inside the shop and had a lineup outside," she said.

Gall said they sold the entire first run of the 167 puzzles produced at the Puzzle Factory, which is located at 130 Industrial Park Road, Unit 2 in Haliburton.

The puzzle makers have ordered another 500 boxes, which are made off premises, to fill with their popular puzzle.

Wendy Wood's puzzle is the first in their Canadian Art Series.

Wood said she was happy and shocked at how strong the sales were.

"Holy," she said, after learning there were another 500 boxes ordered to contain the puzzle.

"I knew we had pretty near sold out from when we had the opening there. They had told me they ordered more, but obviously they've ordered even more. So that's good news," she said.

Although Wood's paintings have been made into cards, calendars and prints, this is the first time in the artist's 30-plus-year career that her

work has been made into a puzzle. Despite what Gall told her about having a following, Wood wasn't so sure until the sales figures have come back.

"It was like I was hoping they would go well. I kind of figured they would because people [enjoy puzzles]. Yeah, I was actually pleasantly surprised," she said.

At her studio in Minden, she's had a small quantity for sale and hopes to have more on hand.

She sold four to one person, who said he was buying them for others and was expecting to return to buy more.

People are staying home more due to the coronavirus pandemic, and Wood said she thought that contributed to the popularity of the puzzles. From her experience working on the puzzle, it's an ideal challenge to be completed in an afternoon.

Wood hopes sales will remain strong and that there is continued interest well into the Christmas shopping season, particularly if she adds to its promotion.

She's open to having another piece made into a puzzle, but said it's likely too soon with one currently available.

The original painting, which depicts a channel located in the 30,000 Islands area of Georgian Bay close to the Parry Sound District, was sold to her husband's cousin in Bond Head. She produced her work on location two years ago.

Knowing that her painting is not just hanging in a home in Bond Head, but is sitting on study, kitchen and dining room tables across the province makes her laugh.

"It's kind of surreal," she said.

Purchase the puzzle at [www.TheOccurrence.ca](http://www.TheOccurrence.ca) and to check out Wood's other work see her website [wendywood.ca](http://wendywood.ca).

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## The great pause

THIS WEEK I paused in conversation on a phone call with Jenn Watt as the Ornge air ambulance flew directly over where I sat on the deck, partly because the sound of it drowned out everything else, but also because taking a moment to acknowledge as it passes is an unspoken act of reverence in our family. We remember what it is like inside, and think of our friends and neighbours who might be in it now, as well as the front line staff who helped get them into it as quickly and safely as possible. Jenn made note of an occasion in which she had visitors from out-of-county who were curious when she paused by habit of a small town resident to crane her neck and watch as the air ambulance flew over her house. For many of us in the county, we recognize the sound of that helicopter as it enters and exits the county, and that feeling of sorrow that someone is in need but also hope that someone is being helped. It's a unique part of our fabric here.

There is something profoundly moving about pausing collectively as a community – especially one as small and connected in that smallness as ours – whether it be for a funeral procession as it passes, to honour those who served in war, to listen to a valedictorian's speech or to feel all the emotion that swells in that moment between the last note of our bands and orchestras and the round of applause.

While the world paused in March, there was no exception for our little towns, largely continuing to do so to the best of our ability or situation throughout the following months as the province reopened. Now, as the summer winds down and we exhale

from the activity and energy and extra population it brings, we can reflect on what is to come. We can read the many projections and expert opinions from our province, other provinces throughout our country, other countries around the world but we don't know what we face next in this year of pandemic, here or elsewhere: will we encounter a second wave, will we experience another lockdown, will a vaccine bring a solution, will the insecurities and systemic challenges brought more to the forefront at this time improve?

What we do know for certain is that the fall is here, which usually offers a soothing pause between extreme heat and extreme cold. This time in the year is best for us to respect the transition of seasons, take a moment to reflect on what has been and what we want to happen in our own lives, give thanks for what has gone right, and acknowledge the quiet times found here, in the community we have all for our own

reasons chosen to celebrate and contribute to, in the midst of chaotic times in the world around us.

Moving forward we can pause to appreciate the immense work our school board, schools and trustees have put in to making the next few weeks as safe as possible, pause for our teachers who we know will do everything they can to help our children thrive in these times, pause for our children as they go back to school and their parents trying to navigate it all, and pause before reacting harshly – to comments, to headlines, to sacrifices we need to make and changes in the convenience in our lives, to those going through tough times or tougher times alongside us, to each other.



*Sue  
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## Editorial

## Having faith

**I**F YOU'VE ever been on a canoe trip, you'll know how much effort goes into packing. Planning the clothing, the food, which tent is best, sleeping equipment, snacks, wine and more. It's all done knowing that you will carry it all on every portage you do. There is a necessary blend of comfort and efficiency that is required. And I'm not 30 anymore so I have to plan for how much I can physically carry.

As I sit to write this article, Jim and I are one day away from leaving for a six-night canoe trip in the northern part of Killarney. Our trip leaves from Widgawa Lodge, which interestingly is where Winston Churchill and Theodore Roosevelt met in August 1943 to fish and discuss world issues. Our trip will take us into a remote lake where the Group of Seven painted, and so we have packed our paints in case we are inspired. More stuff to carry, but it's all worth it.

It's been a few years since we have done a canoe trip and I have complete faith that we are strong enough (we've been walking with our loaded packs for two weeks), and have packed enough warm clothing and all the right gear. We will respond to whatever comes our way with humour, I hope.

There are always things that are unpredictable when you are on a trip. We have many stories of forgotten equipment or bad weather. It gives us stories to tell for years. We are going with two other couples who have

been friends of Jim's for 40 years. I expect it will be a lovely way to end our summer and transition into fall. I think it is so important that throughout our entire lives we do things that require us to take risks, be uncomfortable and have faith in ourselves and each other. It doesn't matter what the activity is; what matters is that we keep doing things that require us and remind us to help each other, to be hopeful and calm no matter how challenging the circumstances get.

It can be so easy to be negative and fearful, which contributes to anxiety and doubt. We have to choose to do things that foster faith. There is a great quote by the Vietnamese Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh that I have heard many meditation teachers tell. "When the crowded Vietnamese refugee boats met with storms or pirates, if everyone panicked all would be lost. But if even one person on the boat remained calm and centred, it was

enough. It showed the way for everyone to survive." I love this quote because it is a reminder that we all make a difference. We all have an impact on the whole. When I look at the weather forecast for the next week there will be some rain. The longest portage is two kilometres and there are two more that are almost as long. There will be challenges and I have faith that we will respond and deal with everything. I have faith in myself, in my husband and in the group. Send us sunny thoughts!

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# points of view

## A little pick-me-up

**W**HAT AMAZES me most about the human spirit is that we are always looking for new ways to find joy in almost everything we do. I have come to realize this lately, after months of walking my new pup in the park.

When I first started walking my Rosie, I took no pleasure in "the pooping and scooping" aspect of it. In fact, I looked upon this as an unpleasant chore. But then COVID-19 made me realize I should start trying to find the bright side of everything.

With that in mind, I'm proud to say, this morning, Rosie scored two nines.

Perhaps I should explain.

Somewhere in the last few months of walking Rosie, I realized that, though pooping and scooping isn't my favourite thing to do, this has a lot to do with my attitude.

I'm ashamed to say I wasn't appreciative enough when Rosie made an effort to make the job more pleasant. But I soon realized that it is far better when she poops in close

proximity to a garbage can and delivers a "healthy" package – these are the two factors that make all the difference.

The good news is I now know how lucky I am. And I won't lie, I'm a little proud of Rosie for the work she does.

I now secretly rate each of these factors on a scale of one to five. Then, I add both up for a final score and secretly record them in a journal once I get home.

Hockey moms will understand.

As I noted, this morning Rosie was definitely on her game. Both times, she pooped within 20 feet of a garbage can, clearly earning a score of five on both counts. Better yet, each deposit was normal, making them solid fours (solid being the operative word.) Once proximity and quality of the deposit were added up, she scored nine on each attempt.

I never thought I'd say this, but you don't know how much better that made my morning.

As anyone who has ever pooped and scooped knows, there is a real difference between having to pick up a 10 and a two. (You don't even want to know about a one).

If Rosie and I have a morning with one or two 10s, you'll see me dancing down the trail like Fred Astaire. When it's a two, Rosie and I won't talk for the rest of the walk.

Luckily, these days Rosie's Earned Dump Average (EDA) is somewhere around 8.2.

I'm not trying to brag or anything. It wasn't always this way.

Most of the credit goes to her. But with the right diet, training, focus and encouragement (I find the command "Crunch Time" helps) I've turned Rosie into a solid contender should this ever become an Olympic sport. (IOC, are you listening?)

I'm not some kind of dreamer though. I know there is still a lot of work to be done if I want to raise her EDA into the nine-plus range, and get a place on the Canadian Team, should one ever be formed. But I will say, I'm more optimistic now than I've ever been. Rosie comes from good blood lines and is a natural born competitor. Heck, I think she wants this as much as I do.

My hope here is that my, nay our story, encourages other poop and scoopers to greater heights. You just need to believe those nine-plus days can happen. All it takes is a little teamwork and you and your dog can walk out of the park with your head held high.

That's a whole lot better than being down in the dumps.



### Loon Tales

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### pic of the past

Ottawa Running Marathon 1982. Karl Hartwick, McKay Brydon, Bob Heyes, Don Dunsmore, Johnson Bailey, Frank Powers, Brenda Cooper and Charles O'Neil. Submitted by Don Dunsmore and Frank Powers.

### letters to the editor

## County answers reader's climate plan questions

The County of Haliburton was asked by *Haliburton Echo* staff to respond to the questions posed by reader Dave Love within the Letters to the Editor section ("Questions on county's climate plan") in their Aug. 25 edition. We appreciate the opportunity to address Mr. Love's concerns.

Q1. What will this planned reduction of 15 per cent by 2030 cost local taxpayers? There was no mention whatsoever in the article about the cost of these initiatives nor where those funds would come from.

The draft Corporate Climate Change Mitigation Plan outlines an estimated cost and potential funding opportunities associated with each suggested initiative. Costs will be determined each year resulting from the municipal procurement process and funds allocated during budget planning; some actions are dependent on securing funding from external sources. A dynamic approach is required as changes occur over the next decade; including declining costs of new technology and the introduction of funding programs.

Q2. If electric vehicle charging stations are installed, what energy source would be used? Is our local electric power produced from hydro, nuclear or natural gas?

The county benefits from the same electric power grid as all of Ontario. More than 90 per cent of electricity produced in the province is carbon free; from nuclear, hydro and renewables. The

remainder comes from natural gas.

Q3. Also no mention of Haliburton's forests, which, like those across the rest of the country, absorb CO<sub>2</sub>. With so much forested land within the county absorbing a relatively small (per square kilometre) level of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, will such a program make any noticeable difference to our air quality in Haliburton County? What are the current measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> in the county, and what are they expected to be if this plan is 100 per cent successful?

A county-wide greenhouse gas inventory is planned for 2021 as part of phase three of climate change planning (the community plan). Targets to reduce emissions will be established in consultation with the community. Forestry will be included as part of the community plan. Forests in Canada currently emit more carbon than they absorb, due to natural disturbances such as forest fires and insect outbreaks. Managed forests currently only negate about three per cent of Canada's emissions produced from energy, transport, industry, agriculture and waste.

While the forests in Haliburton County are important to protect, they do not make up for the amount of carbon we produce. Community initiatives aimed at reducing the consumption of fossil fuels and household waste will result in the greatest greenhouse gas reductions for our communities.

## A brief history of mills in Haliburton

Following the publication of last week's Echo, we received a reader response about the mills that were subsequently built in Haliburton village after the original gristmill and sawmill were destroyed by fire. We asked Haliburton Highlands Museum curator Steve Hill to fill us in on what's been built since. The following is his response.

After the sawmill/gristmill fire of 1896, the Mill Reserve Lot was vacant of mills until shortly after the turn of the century. Then, around 1903 (give or take), William Laking came to town and took over the property, having a large sawmill erected on site on the north side of the Drag River, where the former sawmill had been. This sawmill, in turn, burned down in 1912 but was immediately re-

built and ran until the late 1920s, when the Laking Lumber Co. closed down their Haliburton operations. In the early 1930s, Laking's dormant Haliburton sawmill was torn down, with some of the salvage (including the tin siding!) being used in the construction of Haliburton's first indoor arena, i.e., early form of recycling. (This arena served the village from 1932 to 1964, when it was torn down to make way for the present arena.) There was no mill on the Mill Reserve Lot after this until W.O. Bailey took over the property in 1946 and erected his veneer mill on site, along with removing the existing dam and replacing it with the present one

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# Escape to the End of the Rail

*A visual diary of a young girl choosing to leave everything behind to observe life at the rails end*

Feb. 5, 2010

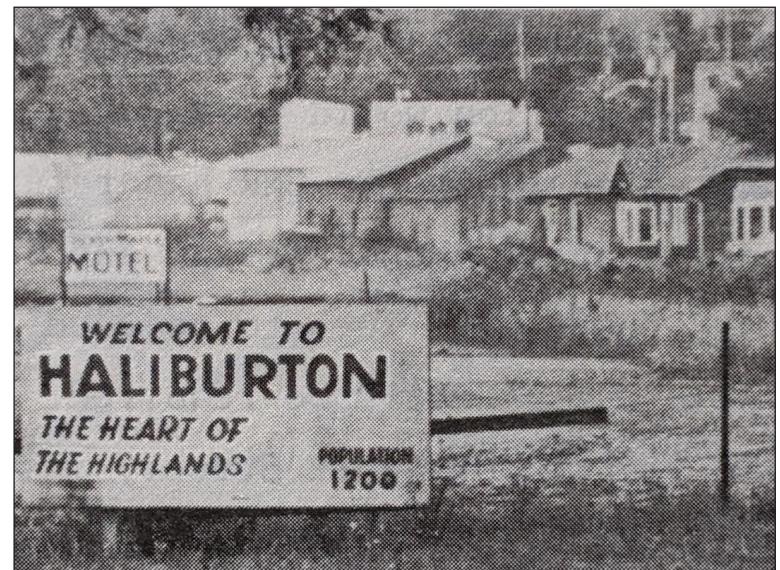
On this day exactly 73 years ago, I first wrote about my experience moving from Toronto to Haliburton by train with my parents when I was nine years old. Little did that young girl know, that trip would forever spark a genuine love and fascination for the life at the rails end. I shared my passion for the trains through my drawings and I made a career for myself out of it. One of my children even went to the Haliburton School of the Arts after graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. I later joined the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts to continue to support the railway history and the arts community. My husband and I are retired now, so as things slow down, I wish for the legacy of how this town came to be because of the railway to live on. I wish for more people to learn and be inspired by our story at the Rails End Gallery, and I wish for the spirit of the arts in Haliburton County to continue to draw in more creative people who share the same passion as those of us here. Just like the agent would cry out, "All aboard!"

Until next time Diary...

Written by Jessica Byers

Come visit the Rails End Gallery to learn more about the evolution of Haliburton Station on our new slideshow presentation in the lobby.

This is the last of a fictional series of nine entries based off of real facts and scenarios. It's meant to describe the history and timeline of how the Rails End Gallery came to be from the original Haliburton Station in 1878. All written journal entries, corresponding artwork, and research was done by summer student and artist Jessica Byers. To view all the journal entries, go to [railsendgallery.com/blog](http://railsendgallery.com/blog).



## Sawmill and veneer mill both owned by W.O. Bailey and Sons

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in 1946, as well. This was W.O. Bailey and Sons. It apparently operated until 1959.

Simultaneous with W.O. Bailey's veneer mill, W.O. Bailey also had a sawmill in the village, but it was out on Head Lake approximately where the band shell stands today. It ran until it was destroyed by fire in the late

1960s. Some people get the mills mixed up i.e. sawmill and veneer mill, but the owner was the same man. The sawmill outlived the veneer mill by a few years; indeed, the veneer mill only closed due to change of market demands. There were fellows who worked for the Baileys at either of their mills here in town.

Incidentally, while W.O. Bailey and Sons

were running their two mills here, they branched out into the retail trade. While they produced lumber and veneer, there was a great demand for a local supplier of building materials, i.e., asphalt shingles, Insul-Brick siding, electrical and plumbing supplies etc. Therefore, the Baileys also erected a small store adjacent to the Mill Reserve Lot, which evolved into Emmerson Lumber. The retail

end of the Bailey family's business survived the sawmill and veneer mill enterprises. William (Bill) Emmerson married W.O. Bailey's only daughter, Lois. He took over the retail part of the Baileys' business (which outlived the two mills) an operation now known as Emmerson Lumber, run by Bill and Lois's son Kim.

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# 75th anniversary of the end of WWII

## The Allies' secret weapon

50 years later, Alex McLeod remembers life as radar technician

MARTHA PERKINS

From the Echo archives

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, we are republishing some of the stories written for the 50th anniversary of the war's end.

In Alex McLeod's photo album of his adventures during World War II, there is not one picture of him at work. That's one of the consequences when your job is to implement one of the Allies' newest secret weapons – the radar.

"It was all very hush hush," says Mr. McLeod, sitting in the dining room of his Lake Kashagawigamog home, the photo album open in front of him. Because the radar was designed to give the Allies an edge, no photographs were allowed. In the early years, when victory was far from certain, the Allies needed to retain every advantage they had.

McLeod, of course, knew nothing about radar when he signed up in 1941 in Toronto. It was the air force, with its glamorous mystique, which appealed to him.

His mother was not thrilled with any option. When Alex was six, his father had died of pneumonia. A World War I veteran, he had been gassed at Ypres and his weakened lungs could not fight the disease. Mrs. McLeod was left to raise four children on her own and by the time Alex reached the mandatory age for call up, she already had one son in the army. (Later she would successfully apply to have her third son avoid conscription. Her fourth child is Jean Hutchinson of Eagle Lake, who persuaded Alex and wife Cecile to retire to Haliburton.)

Because of his technical background with IBM, where he had worked since he was 16, McLeod was asked if he wanted to work with this new "secret weapon." Intrigued by the technology, he said yes and spent three months at McGill University learning about electronic theory and three months at the RAF base in Clinton, Ont., learning the practical aspects of radar operation.

The British RAF wanted 5,000 radar mechanics to help it fight the battle of the skies. Of McLeod's "class" of 150, about seven of them became commissioned officers. Fortunately, he was one of them and in the summer of 1942, he became a technical officer in radar.

Then, he and 20,000 other soldiers crammed onto the Queen Elizabeth, which was about to cross the Atlantic on her maiden trip as a troop ship.

In Devonshire, McLeod was attached to the RAF 78 wing. The countryside was beautiful, the Devo cream was deliciously artery-clogging, but the only problem with operating radar is that you have to be stationed in isolated areas, preferably atop the highest cliff. After a few months of keeping an electronic eye out for submarines, McLeod was bored and asked for a transfer.

His request coincided with the start up of mobile radar units and he was sent to Ranscombe Downs I Dorset in May, 1943. Here they trained and trained, moving quickly to a farmer's field, setting up the transmission, starting the diesel engine and getting on the air as soon as possible. Over and over again they practised,



Right, a young soldier with his bullet-less Smith and Wesson. Left, Alex McLeod in 1995 at his Kashagawigamog home. / Echo archives

interrupted only by leaves in London, where McLeod watched the buzz bombs fly over the beleaguered city.

By December, 1943, there was excitement in the air. McLeod knew there were preparations for something, but he didn't know what or when. Training now included backing their three-ton trucks onto landing craft tanks, or LCTs, and waterproofing vehicles in preparation for being unloaded in water.

It was now spring of 1944, McLeod and his men were sent to Yorkshire, where he was amazed by the massive build up of men and equipment. As tension reached its peak, the men and machines were loaded on ships to cross the English Channel. It was only later that they realized they were part of the largest single mobilization, now known to everyone as D-Day.

Radar operators' job was to warn fighter planes if a German plane came into their area. At that time, the Americans did not have mobile radar units, so McLeod was attached to the American assault on Omaha Beach in Normandy. (Here was a Canadian in the British air force with an American division landing in France.) Unbeknownst to them at the time, the Germans had been planning some of their own manoeuvres on the beach, so landing wasn't easy. An American paratroop unit was supposed to give them protection, but the paratroopers, who were dropped in-land, were not seen for five or six days.

And so they waited for a couple of days on the ship. The mood was sober. "Nobody said anything," McLeod remembers. Asked whether he was scared as he waited to drive his radar unit onto the beach, he says "you were afraid to be frightened. Any time you thought about the 'what ifs' or 'what happens tomorrow?' you stopped thinking about it. We just went about our jobs and carried on."

Landing turned out to be surprisingly easy once the German defence was pushed back. After all those training sessions for landing in water, the men were able to drive their trucks onto a floating dock which led to the beach. Not surprisingly, however, by the next morning

the dock had been blown up.

McLeod's unit was to head to Cherbourg. Because they had no firepower – McLeod was given a Smith and Wesson at the beginning of the war but he never had to use it, thank goodness, since he wasn't given any ammunition to go with it – progress was slow. If they neared a village where Germans were still in control, the radar unit would have to turn back and let the infantry clear the area first.

The biggest threat to radar units were land mines left behind by the Germans. McLeod was supposed to wait for areas to be tested, but he was also supposed to move quickly, which didn't leave him with much time for waiting. On one occasion, he and his driver backed their truck all over a field, with the thought that if a bomb blew up the back of their truck, they wouldn't be injured. Once again, luck was on his side and the theory was never tested. Their worst experience was being sniped at, probably by the Americans, who at night thought the unit's blue British uniforms were grey like the Germans'. To avoid future confusion, the Americans gave them American uniforms.

The French reaction to their arrival was jubilant. The villagers couldn't do enough for their liberators and the food and hugs flowed freely. There were a few awkward moments when upon learning that McLeod was Canadian, they expected him to speak French, but by and large the troops didn't have time to bask in the accolades.

Onward they pressed, and by the time they neared Cherbourg, the Germans were in full retreat. In November, McLeod's unit was sent back to Portsmouth. (He was hoping the destination would be Paris.)

"I thought we'd be given orders to re-group and head closer to the Norway side of the coast (in preparation for going to Holland) but those orders never came," McLeod says. Instead, the unit was disbanded and he had the choice of being a commissioned officer at a radar station or being a technical officer at RAF Bawdsey. He chose the latter, and it was here that he celebrated V-E day. After parading about with pride, they all headed off to a local pub to let off the strain of the war years.

That September, four years after he signed up, McLeod was once again on the Queen Elizabeth, which this time was heading the opposite direction across the Atlantic.

Back in Canada, he was able to get a degree at McGill thanks to Veterans Affairs. After graduation – and marriage to Cecile in 1949 – McLeod returned to IBM in Toronto, where he worked his way up to director of manufacturing before he retired in 1982.

Their three children grown, and wondering where to spend their retirement, two years earlier the McLeods had accepted an invitation to visit the Highlands from his sister Jean Hutchinson. They were captivated by a home they found on Lake Kashagawigamog and decided to settle here.

As Remembrance Day approaches, McLeod reflects on his war years. "In this 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, they made a big play of the war, D-Day and so forth, so you're forced to look back on what it was all about. I became aware that it was an experience I would never have passed up, but I wouldn't want to go through it again."

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# Councillors may attend meetings remotely – even after pandemic

*Change to bylaw would allow councillors to attend municipal meetings electronically, under special circumstances*

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

County councillors amended the county's procedural bylaw during a meeting in late August, those changes allowing for electronic participation by councillors in exceptional circumstances, once in-

person meetings resume, whenever that might be.

Traditionally, under the Municipal Act, remote participation in council meetings was not permitted. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the province has passed legislation allowing municipal council meetings to be conducted electronically. Council meetings in the county

have been taking place via online conferencing app Zoom and broadcast to the public on YouTube.

It seems the plan is for in-person meetings to resume at some point, but new amendments to the procedural bylaw mean that after that occurs, councillors would be able to participate electronically in special circumstances.

"Of course there's a natural weather event, but it also includes health and safety reasons, including a pandemic, and guidelines as set out by the Province of Ontario," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter, explaining the changes that were permissible under provincial legislation. "We have allowed, in this draft, three times per year where a member could participate [remotely]. We have asked for 24 hours' notice, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. We would monitor weather to see if it is predicting that it would difficult, and we would probably set up a Zoom alternative if it is calling for bad weather."

"With respect to closed session, if a member is participating [remotely], they

would be required to declare that they are alone, and connected to a secure internet connection, not a public one," Rutter said.

"We had talked about, what if that person has a sprained ankle, or a personal injury, does that fit into one of these requirements?" asked Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. "So, I can't drive, I can't get to county council because I broke my right ankle. I am able to attend electronically?"

"I would interpret that as a health and safety reason," Rutter said.

"I did break my ankle, a couple of years ago," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, "... and the county elevator was broken, and so, I was able to participate and could have, if we'd had electronic opportunities then, so I think, I'm glad you've asked that question and it does include that. This is not if somebody has a headache or a runny nose [outside of this pandemic] . . . it has to be something substantial and legitimate."

The county's lower-tier councils have been passing similar amendments.

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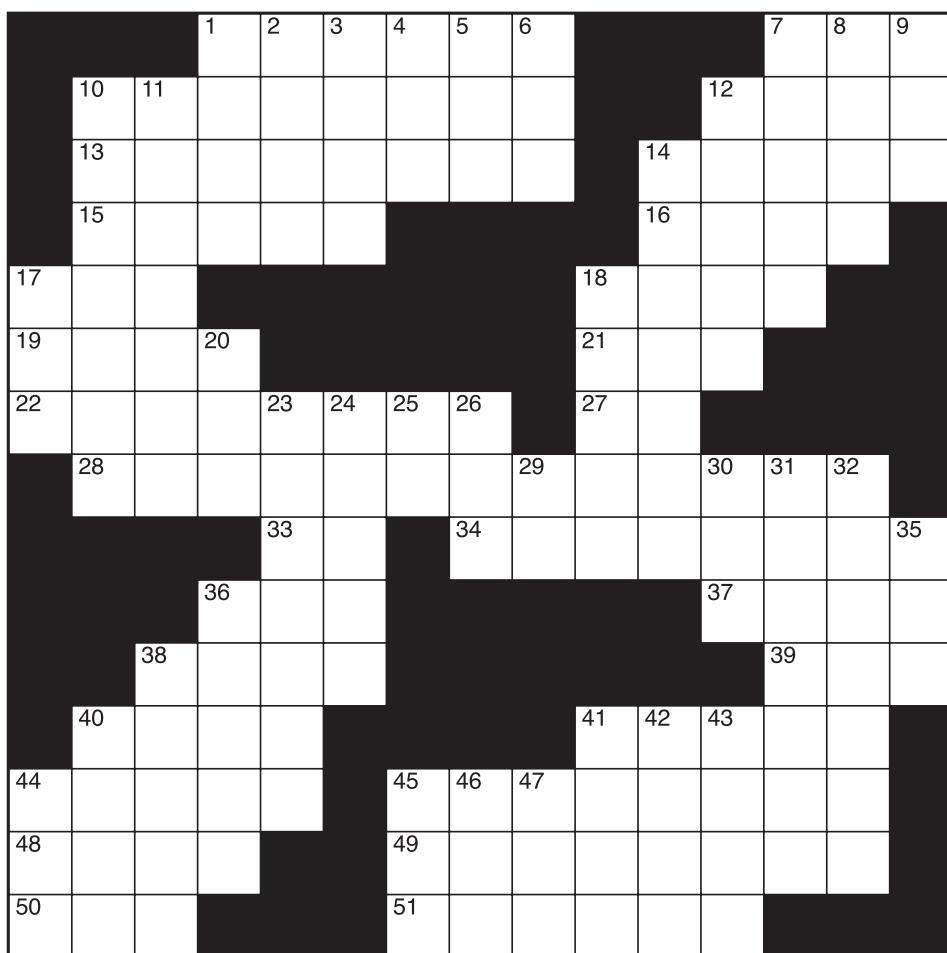
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7. Upstate NY airport (abbr.)
10. Fruit
12. Seventh avatar of Vishnu
13. Organism that grows without air
14. Heals
15. A book has one
16. Open
17. Twitch
18. Plant of the mint family
19. Soon
21. Witch
22. Long, mournful complaint
27. Killer clown film
28. Keeps us occupied
33. Influential lawyer
34. Formation of concepts
36. Insecticide
37. Swiss river
38. Actress Lucy
39. Unit of g-force
40. Can repel attackers

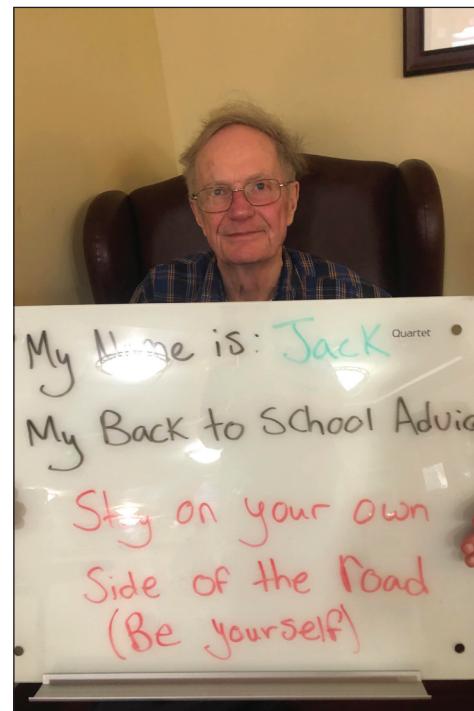
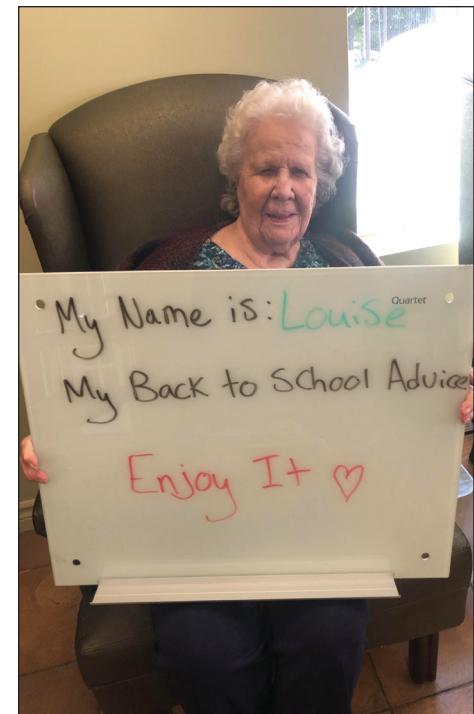
41. Essential oil used as perfume
44. Cut into small pieces
45. Mexican agricultural worker
48. Best pitchers
49. Benign tumors
50. Danish krone
51. Looms above

18. Backbone
20. Brooklyn hoopster
23. Intervened
24. Extremely angry
25. Indicates position
26. Chinese surname
29. Potato state
30. When you think you'll get there
31. Falls
32. Bullfighters
35. Born of
36. Small fishes
38. "Father of chemical warfare"
40. Waste matter
41. Skin disease
42. Scandinavian mythological god
43. and haws
44. Villain
45. Tell on
46. Difficulty
47. Not old

1. Make a map of
2. Cain and —
3. Dried-up
4. Corporate exec (abbr.)
5. Trading floor hand gesture
6. Strongly alkaline solution
7. Yemen capital
8. Military leader (abbr.)
9. Maintains possession of
10. Afternoon show
11. Imaginary being
12. Rearrange
14. Holy person or sage
17. Mahal

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## Extendicare back-to-school advice



# Haliburton County Fair celebrates harvest online

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

The next best thing to gardening, and eating the results of your labour, is showing off what you've been able to harvest at the end of a growing season.

The Haliburton County Fair board and Minden Agricultural Society is providing an opportunity for growers to do just that, resulting in pride for those who participate in an online contest – and possibly a cash prize, as well.

"Essentially people post their pictures, we've created events on our Facebook page for people to post pictures and a short description onto the contest page they're interested in," said Eric Casper, a director on the Haliburton County Fair executive.

Nine Haliburton County Fair contests will run during the next four weeks: tallest sunflower; cucumber harvest; tallest corn; largest zucchini; largest pumpkin; largest squash; best decorated pumpkin and an adult and youth (17 and under) category for harvest basket. Cash prizes of \$25, \$15 or \$10 can be won.

The idea came after the Haliburton County Fair was cancelled this year, due to challenges in organizing events in which crowds gather, or using township property during the pandemic.

"We're really excited," said Casper. "For us, because we didn't have the fair this year, it was a way – because our objective as an agricultural society is to promote agriculture within the community – we figured this was the best way to move forward and keep the fair in peo-

ple's minds."

Casper said the online option was intended to engage the community. Those submitting photos of gardens should be fair members – a membership can be purchased for just \$8. So far, through the Haliburton County Fair Facebook page, conversations have been positive and community members have been excited about the opportunity.

"We've reached 4,000 people in the last three days that have interacted with us so this is a huge spike for us," said Casper, reviewing traffic statistics on the social media page. He notes that, "theoretically anyone in the world could post a picture here, it's open to anybody, but obviously we're promoting agriculture in our area."

Casper said it has been positive to see so many people try their hand at gardening this year.

"I know one of the things I remember back in March and April when we were all in our houses, and then came May and June when we all started planting, I remember reading reports of victory gardens, how they used to have them in war days and how that was going to be a new thing because everyone was at home and planting," he said. "I think it's an important thing for us to realize, we can feed ourselves. We can have food security, or at least a little bit of it anyway, we don't have to depend on the grocery stores as much, especially as people are canning more and preserving more. I think if you have that thought process of I'm going to grow my own food, one it's healthier, two it's healthier just to be outside, and three, you might have that sense of community a little bit more."

The group hopes to organize a quilt

# 2020

Contest 1: Tallest Sunflower

Contest 2: Cucumber Harvest

end Sat, Sept 5 at 7pm

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Contest 3: Tallest Corn

Contest 4: Largest Zucchini

end Sat, Sept 19 at 7 pm

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Contest 5: Largest pumpkin

Contest 6: Largest Squash

Contest 7: (Youth) best decorated Pumpkin

Contest 8: Harvest Basket

Contest 9: (Youth) Harvest Basket

end Sat, Oct 3 at 7pm

## Haliburton County Fair ONLINE CONTEST



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The Haliburton County Fair online contest takes place over the next few weeks, with the final date of entry being Oct. 3. /Photo from the Haliburton County Fair Facebook page

and craft online contest later in the year, as well, and Casper said the harvest photo option could continue into the future, offering an extra chance to promote agriculture outside of the fair, which is usually held in June prior to ideal harvesting time.

"Because we're in June, which isn't a big harvest time, this might actually be something that lives on as we move forward even after we go out of the COVID years," he said.

For now, online contests run until Oct. 3.

"This is a way of keeping us in the

forefront of people's minds, bringing us together and celebrating what we've accomplished and what we've grown in our gardens," said Casper.

Additionally, a Haliburton County Fair 50/50 and quilt draw will be held on Oct. 12. Tickets are three for \$5 and can be purchased through Wendy Connelly, Cathy Fisher, Eric Casper, with e-transfers available, or via the Haliburton County Fair Facebook page.

For more information visit <http://haliburtoncountycountyfair.ca/> or Haliburton County Fair on Facebook.

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# Haliburton sled dogs get in the holiday spirit

JENN WATT

Editor

Some lucky dogs from Haliburton County's Winterdance Dog-sled Tours tested out their acting chops this summer, joining the cast of *Christmas in the Rockies*, a holiday romance, for two days of filming. Siberian huskies Maverick and Charlie went to Newmarket one day, while puppies Wiggles, Calypso and Jacques spent the day on the set in Barrie on another. The movie will air on CityTV before Christmas.

Winterdance owner Tanya McCready DeBruin said the dogs enjoyed their time on set, an experience that isn't entirely foreign to the sled dogs.

"The pups all did awesome and loved all the people they got to meet," she said. "Maverick and Charlie (12-year-old siblings and Hank's leaders from most of his races) were there on a hot day so after two or three takes were happy to switch out with each other."

Maverick and Charlie have both been in commercials and movies, McCready DeBruin said, "so know the drill of redoing things numerous times."



Lead actress Kimberly-Sue Murray gives Charlie the Siberian husky a hug during the filming of *Christmas in the Rockies*. Several dogs from Winterdance participated in the filming of the holiday romance. /Photo by Brainpower Studios

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Lead actors in the upcoming film *Christmas in the Rockies*, Stephen Huszar and Kimberly-Sue Murray, take a selfie in the movie with Wiggles, the Siberian husky. /Photo by Brainpower Studios

## Registration open for Terry Fox Run

The annual Terry Fox Run will take place again this year, but instead of physically coming together in towns and cities across Canada, participants will do the run their own way.

The first ever virtual Terry Fox Run is Sunday, Sept. 20 and organizers say they expect Canadians will walk, bike, hike, or participate however they can, connecting online through [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org).

"Forty years after the Marathon of Hope, in a year where we are all learning to live differently, there is only one way forward for Terry Foxers: we all have to

try," Fred Fox, Terry's brother, said in a media release.

The Terry Fox Foundation raises money for cancer research through the iconic fall fundraisers, bringing in more than \$800 million to date worldwide.

In Haliburton, the event is being organized by Andy Salvatori. You can find information on registered runners by going to [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org) and clicking on "sponsor a participant" and searching by town.

Staff

<b>SOLD</b>		 Jennifer Bacon* Dean Michel* 705-286-2138 x28		 Adele Barry 705-457-0306	<b>NEW LISTING</b>		 Drew Bishop** Kristin Bishop* 457-2128 x23	<b>NEW LISTING</b>		 Dagmar Boettcher** 457-5968
<b>Anson St, Minden \$268,500</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Large 2 bed, 1 bath bungalow</li><li>Walkout to deck and spacious yard</li><li>Excellent opportunity to live in town</li></ul>	<b>Portage Lake \$799,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Newly Built waterfront executive home</li><li>3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, nicely finished</li><li>Open concept main rooms, large screened room</li><li>Peaceful natural setting with great fishing</li></ul>	<b>Eagle Lake \$799,900</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Point lot with exception privacy</li><li>Panoramic views of the lake &amp; Sir Sams</li><li>Open concept main floor with walkout</li><li>3+2 bedrooms and 2 baths</li></ul>	<b>Kushog Lake \$879,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>2-bedroom, 1-bathroom vintage log cabin</li><li>132 ft of waterfront on 4 acres</li><li>West facing gorgeous sunsets</li><li>Clean rock shelf shore + sand beach</li></ul>			
	 Andy Campbell 854-0292		 Gloria Carnochan 754-1932	<b>SOLD</b>		 Mark Denny* 457-0473		 Tom Ecclestone* 286-2138 x 26		
<b>Numerous Buyers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Seeking homes under \$400,000</li><li>Flexible closing</li><li>Minden -Haliburton area</li></ul>	<b>Have you been thinking about selling?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Listings needed</li><li>We have the buyer's</li></ul>	<b>Maple Lk Building Lot \$396,900</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>156 Ft Wtr Frtg, 1.63 Acr</li><li>3 Lk Chain, NW Exp, Level Lot</li><li>Sandy &amp; Shallow Shoreline</li></ul>	<b>Sugar Island Gull Lake</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Totally renovated 4-bedroom 3 bath cottage</li><li>413 feet of frontage with sand beach</li><li>Bonus Bunkie you have to see</li><li>Main land parking, docking w/garage</li></ul>			
<b>SOLD</b>		 Lindsay Elder* 457-5878		 Andrew Hodgson** 286-2138 x 29		 Susanne James* & Andy Mosher** 457-2128 x 33		 David Lee* 286-2138 x 27		
<b>Carnarvon Home \$399,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Log home immaculately kept inside and out</li><li>Spacious principle rooms, 2 bdrms, 2 baths</li><li>Private location near two lake with beautiful gardens &amp; decks</li></ul>	<b>County Road 21 \$750,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commercial property in Haliburton</li><li>Prime corner location, 1.5 acres</li><li>Rental house as an added feature</li><li>Sale includes land, &amp; building</li></ul>	<b>Miskwabi Lake \$949,900</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Over 4000 sq ft home on 2-lake chain</li><li>Double garage, log workshop and drive shed</li><li>SW exposure, beautiful sand beach</li></ul>	<b>Gull Lake \$549,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Large private waterfront lot on a premium lakes</li><li>3.2 Acres, 240' of waterfrontage, level building site, hardpacked sand, shallow entry, cleaned and ready to build!</li></ul>			
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<b>Highway Commercial \$350,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>8-acre parcel with 1240' frontage on Cty Rd 21</li><li>10 minutes from Haliburton</li><li>Opportunity to live in and to run a business.</li><li>Sold "as is" - needs repair</li></ul>	<b>Unicorn Rd \$125,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>55 Acres, year-round road, hydro at road</li><li>Nestles up to pond, nicely treed, lots of wildlife</li><li>Hydro at lot line, ROW, good choice of building sites</li></ul>	<b>Gooderham Lake \$539,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 Season 2 Bedroom cottage w/lakeside patio</li><li>South/West Exp., Sunsets &amp; crystal blue waters</li><li>200 sq. ft Boathouse, Spacious Bunkie ++ 53</li></ul>	<b>Soyer's Lake Road \$479,900</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3.8 private acres close to Haliburton</li><li>Open concept living space w/ vaulted ceilings</li><li>Paved driveway, attached garage</li></ul>			
<b>NEW LISTING</b>		 Darlene Reil* 447-2055		 Christine Sharp* 705-489-9968	<b>West Lake Building Lot \$265,300</b>		 Greg Stamp* 457-2128 x 28	<b>SOLD</b>		 Melanie Vigrass* 286-2138 x 32
<b>Gooderham \$399,999</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Huge 3000 sq.ft. building</li><li>With 2-bedroom apartment</li><li>With multiple uses potential</li></ul>	<b>Kabakwa Lake \$995,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Beautiful western view</li><li>2000 sq ft, winterized</li><li>High speed internet</li></ul>	<b>Minden Area Bungalow \$389,000</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prime lot with a stunning view over the Lake</li><li>Year-round township road, terrific building site</li><li>Hydro &amp; Bell are available at the lot line</li></ul>					
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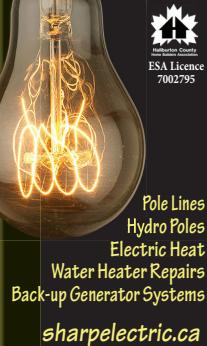
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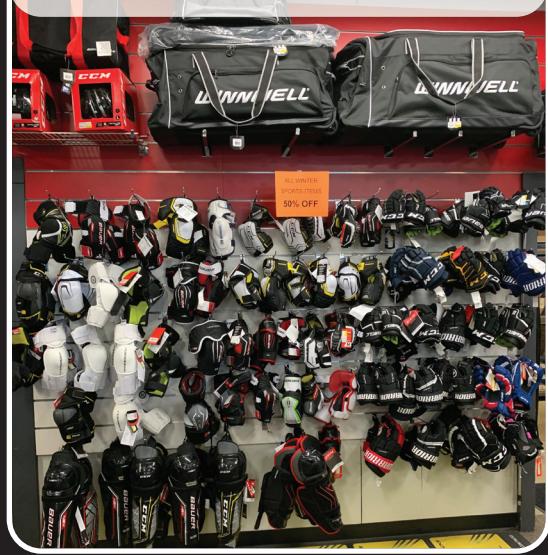


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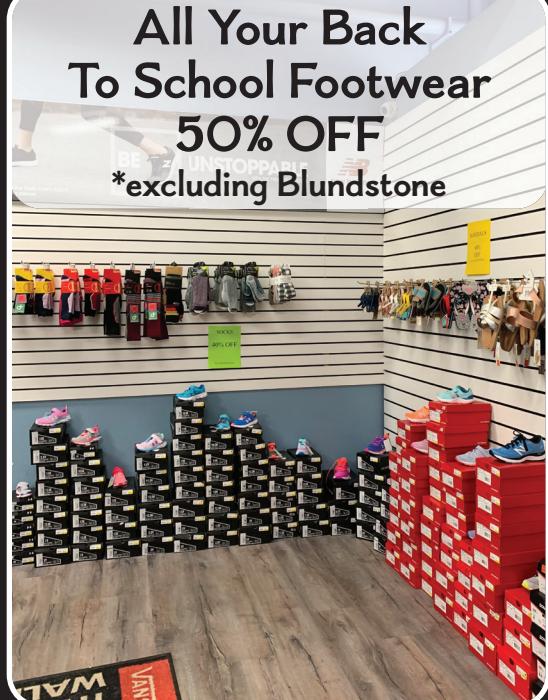
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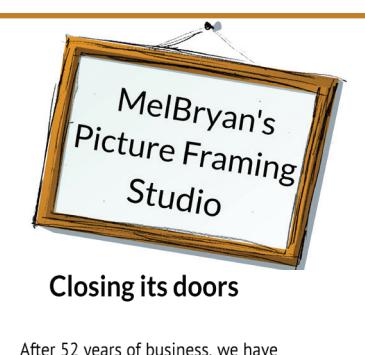
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Ali and Raya would like to introduce their new baby sister!!  
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Sean & Marilyn Hawley of Haliburton are pleased to announce that their daughter **Victoria** (Tori) Margaret Hawley has graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a B.A. Honours Specialization in International Relations with distinction. Tori will be attending Law School in the U.K. starting in October, 2020.  
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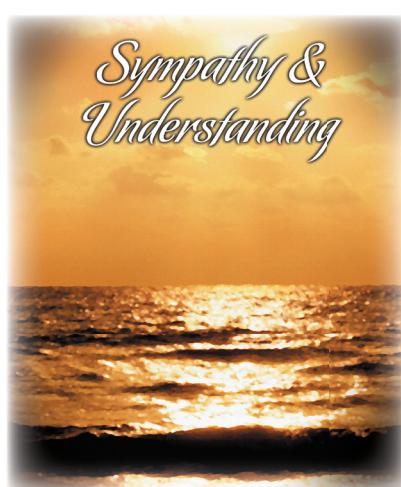
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## Betty Myrtle Denise Teasdale

Denise passed away on Friday, August 28, 2020 at Peterborough Regional Health Centre at the age of 91.

Denise was the daughter of John Roscoe Henderson and Edna May Baker of Maple Lake, Ontario. She was the sister of the late Claude Henderson, the late William Henderson and the late Marlene Jonassen (Larry). She was the beloved wife of Thomas Leighton (Bud) Teasdale of Eagle Lake, Ontario. Loving mother of the late William Teasdale, Lynne Bork (Gary), Robert Teasdale, Margo Ashurst (the late John Ashurst), John

Teasdale and Gerry Teasdale. She will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Michelle Cathers and Michael Teasdale (Avigail) and her two special great grandchildren Austin and Owen Cathers.

Denise was born in Toronto in 1929 and her father worked for the TTC. The depression hit and her father moved the family back to his mother's farm in Maple Lake, Ontario. She loved living on the farm and when she was old enough she worked at the Red Umbrella Inn. She moved to Peterborough and got a job at the Bonnerworth Woolen Mill for a few years prior to her marriage to her husband Bud. She was an active member of St Andrews United Church for fifteen years and then at Grace United Church for over fifty years. Denise sold Avon for over thirty years and won many awards. She loved this job. She was a homecare worker for a short period of time and a Big Sister for many years. She won Big Sister of the Year one year. She was very much a people person and always put other people before herself. She was very generous with her time when anyone needed help. She experienced a lot of tragedy over her life and always picked herself up and carried on. She loved to travel and visited almost every province in Canada, some of the states in the U.S., Scotland and England four times. Denise was cherished by those who knew her and will be missed by her extended family and friends. She will remain forever in our hearts.

The family would like to thank all of the wonderful caregivers for their kind and compassionate care. A private Visitation and Memorial Service was held on September 5, 2020 at Grace United Church in Peterborough, Ontario. Condolences may be made at [nisbettfuneralhome.com](http://nisbettfuneralhome.com)

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REMEMBER YEHIN.  
*Erik and Derek look back on some of the highlights of their misadventures*



ERIK MARTENSON/ECHO

Amid tighter security for his first public appearance after "the pie" incident, Prime Minister Jean Chretien arrived in Lindsay last weekend to celebrate the opening of the new Boys and Girls Club. He was asked by *The Echo* when the next election will be. For his answer and coverage of the event, see page 5.

## Darrell Fox keeps his brother's legacy alive

**DEREK MALCOLM**

*Staff Reporter*

Emotional words of inspiration and perseverance from Darrell Fox touched everyone in attendance at the Minden Rotary Club and Minden Terry Fox Run Committee's meeting at the Delta PineStone Resort last Monday night.

At "A Dinner With Darrell Fox," 50-plus people joined to enjoy a well prepared meal, and to honour those who have given their support for the Terry Fox Foundation.

After a heart-warming introduction by Linda Brandon, which included words from the Rod Stewart's song "Never Give up on a Dream," Terry Fox's younger brother Darrell touched the audience with his words.

Now the national director of The Terry Fox Foundation which raises millions of dollars each year towards cancer research, Fox shared some of his memories as a teenager, there every step of the way through Terry's fight with the disease.

ease.

Fox began by remembering Terry as a young man in high school, wanting to get on the school's basketball team. The coach, knowing that Terry would respond to a challenge, told Terry to give up and try wrestling instead, but Terry wouldn't hear of it. "He practised, practised, practised and you know what?"

Fox said, "he made the team."

Even when Terry was diagnosed with bone cancer and told that he was going to lose his leg, "he immediately accepted it as another challenge," remembers Fox, going on to mention the super-human effort Terry put in to prepare for the

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## County's road map never seems to end

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

New roads keep popping up every week, leading the man who's been hired to put all these roads on a map to say, only partly in jest, "I shudder to think what a map of this county will look like."

When geographer Stephen Foster first brought together all the existing data bases, there were 1,600 roads in the

county. Today, as cottage associations are asked to help name any private road that services three or more properties, new roads are being added to the list all the time.

Shirley Kirk of the county's road department alone found 89 references to roads not found on the present list.

The enormity of the task led some county councillors to wonder at Wednesday's meeting if the deadline to

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## Draft OP gives county more responsibility for protecting environment

**MARTHA PERKINS**

*Editor*

The county's proposed Official Plan puts an onus on the county to play a stewardship role in protecting the natural resources which are so important to Highlanders.

Speaking at the Kushog Lake Property Owners' Association on Saturday, Stanhope Reeve Eleanor Harrison said "it's a very environmentally-friendly document and it lays responsibility for waste management and the stewardship of our lakes on county council, which is where it should be."

Carlynn Coburn of the county's environment advisory committee said "the OP is a way to regulate our consumption of resources, how we use this land. In the past, laws reflected the assumption there's always another lake to develop. (Now the OP asks) 'can we minimize our negative impact'..."

"There are a lot of good environmental sensibilities in here but this is a draft so planners have to hear if this is what we want," she told the association, urging members to review the document and make suggestions.

Since county council wants to pass the Official Plan before its mandate runs out in November, it's imperative people act quickly, she added.

The county's 14-page OP takes a broad brush approach to planning and development, leaving the finer brush strokes to the municipalities. However, all municipalities' Official Plans will have to conform to the county's general outlines.

"The county Official Plan is an indication of community values, directions and policies," the draft says, as presented by consultant Steve Janes to county council and about 16 members of the public at Wednesday's county council meeting.

In the section on the environment, the plan says "Haliburton County has extensive natural areas. These areas of natural environment provide the basis for a wide

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